

## **Michigan's State Planning Project for the Uninsured**

### **CHARGES FROM HRSA GRANT RELATIVE TO:**

#### **THE MODELS DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP**

The Models Development Group will review and assess models for their viability and acceptability in expanding health insurance coverage; evaluate the impact of selected models on existing coverage and on the safety net system; and, using information from the data analyses and model assessments, develop a plan for statewide coverage.

1. Formulate issue papers on coverage options after assessing models in terms of feasibility, cost and acceptability. These activities will include:
  - Searching the literature, including options utilized by other states.
  - Developing a framework for analyzing information received and for organizing information to be presented. (e.g. a matrix showing each option and its features and impacts.)
  - Reviewing information from the household survey, employer survey, focus groups, and key informant interviews to understand the:
    - Number of people who are insured and uninsured.
    - Relevant characteristics of both groups.
    - Reasons Michiganians do not have health insurance.
    - The “affordability issue” regarding each option.
  - Reviewing information from the town hall meetings to understand:
    - Citizen perceptions and expectations regarding health insurance issues.
    - Standards of acceptability for guiding the models and plan development process.
    - The nature and extent of the problems faced by Michigan’s uninsured.
  - Developing a list of advantages and disadvantages for selected options.
  - Exploring financing mechanisms.
  - Developing cost t projections of selected options.
  - Reviewing the experiences of states having implemented a specific option.
  - Assessing each option’s features in the context of Michigan’s:
    - Current needs (e.g. the characteristics of Michigan’s uninsured).
    - Health insurance market.
    - Health care delivery system.
    - Impact on safety net providers (e.g. third share providers).
  - Assessing employer’s attitudes toward public subsidies.
  - Assessing the extent of “crowd out” caused by public programs.
2. Develop and recommend a prioritized list of health insurance expansion options to the Advisory Council. This will include:
  - Developing a framework and scoring system for assessing recommended models.

- Convening participants to score models.
- Identifying plan acceptance strategies.
- Organizing strategic sessions for the Advisory Council and Workgroup Members to review model issue papers and score models on acceptability and viability.
- Prioritizing models determined acceptable and viable to reflect the necessary staging of efforts to achieve health insurance coverage for all Michigan citizens.
- Identifying effective strategies to aid in the adoption of the plan by key policy makers.
- Reviewing input from key informants and using that information to develop a comprehensive and attractive plan.